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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, NEW ORLEANS MILITARY ENTRANCE
PROCESSING STATION (MEPS)

SUBJECT: Additional Guidance for Hurricane Katrina Evacuation Policy/Procedures

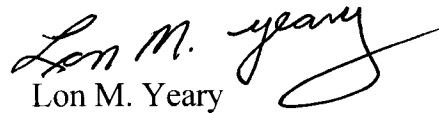
- References:
- (1) USMEPCOM memo, 22 Nov 05, subj: Additional Guidance for Hurricane Katrina Evacuation Policy/Procedures
 - (2) USMEPCOM memo, 25 Oct 05, subj: Additional Guidance for Hurricane Katrina Evacuation Policy/Procedures
 - (3) USMEPCOM memo, 26 Sep 05, subj: Additional Guidance for Hurricane Katrina Evacuation Policy/Procedures
 - (4) USMEPCOM memo, 6 Sep 05, subj: Guidance for Hurricane Katrina Evacuation Policy/Procedures
 - (5) Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee, determination #E05001, 19 Sep 05, subj: Evacuation Allowances for Military Member's Dependents Evacuated Due to Hurricane Katrina
 - (6) USD(P&R) memo, 21 Sep 05, subj: Alternate Safe Haven Designation—Hurricane Rita
 - (7) Joint Travel Regulation C1200 and Appendix I, Part B

Reference (1) extended the evacuation period for Hurricane Katrina for an additional 30 days, for a total of 120 days for military and DoD civilian personnel and their dependents residing in the Greater New Orleans area that were ordered to evacuate the New Orleans MEPS in response to the approach of Hurricane Katrina. I have reviewed the status of all New Orleans personnel and dependents and have extended the Safe Haven status another 30 days for a total of 150 days, to expire January 24, 2006. In addition, you will direct all military and DoD civilian personnel to report to their appointed place of duty (work) at the New Orleans MEPS on **January 9, 2006**. Safe Haven entitlements will end when the affected DoD civilians and military return to their permanent habitable residence, not to exceed 180 days from the original evacuation date of August 27, 2005. You may request administrative leave for DoD civilians and military that have returned to their habitable residence, but cannot return to work because facilities/space are unavailable at their place of duty.

(a) In accordance with reference (4) the Safe Haven per diem rates for *dependents of uniformed members* evacuated due to Hurricane Katrina are reduced effective October 26, 2005, (61st day) to 60 percent for dependents 12 years of age and older and 30 percent for dependents under 12 years of age.

(b) The per diem rates for dependents of civilian employees have not changed. Therefore, effective September 26, 2005, (31st day) per diem allowances for dependents of civilian employees is 60 percent of the locality rate for dependents 12 years of age or older and 30 percent for dependents under 12 years of age.

Please refer to Joint Travel Regulation C12000 and Appendix I, Part B, for reimbursement procedures and rates. For questions on the Joint Travel Regulation contact Ms. Jennifer Gettelman at (847) 688-3680, extension 7327. For TDY order/accounting classification contact Ms. Kimberly Echtenacher at (847)688-3680, extension 7321.


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